



NAMIBIA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT NO. 158			
Outbreak Name	COVID-19 outbreak	Country affected	Namibia
Date & Time of this report	23.08.2020 20:00 hrs	Investigation start Date	13 March 2020
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**HIGHLIGHTS/SITUATION UPDATE (23/08/2020)**

- The country has been reverted back to Stage 3 of the State of Emergency (12 August 2020-28 August 2020).
- Walvis Bay, Swakopmund and Arandis Local Authority areas in Erongo region are under travel restrictions.
- Windhoek, Okahandja and Rehoboth are all under travel restriction including a curfew (20h00-05h00).

Total	Today
<b>Tested 49428</b>	<b>Tested 1214</b>
<b>Confirmed 6030</b>	<b>Confirmed 176</b>
<b>Active 3411</b>	<b>Active 3411</b>
<b>Recovered 2563</b>	<b>Recovered 54</b>
<b>Death 56</b>	<b>Death 4</b>

**Table 1: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region, 23 August 2020**

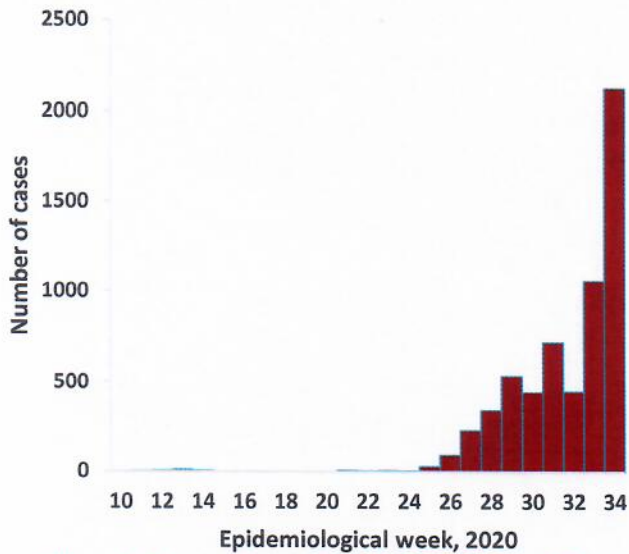
- Four (4) fatalities were recorded today from Khomas (2), //Kharas (1), and Erongo (1) regions.
- Fifty-four (54) recoveries have been recorded from 3 regions today (23/08/2020).
- To-date, **220 (3.6%)** Health Care Workers have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Cumulatively, **5944 (98.6%)** cases are local transmissions while **86 (1.4)** are imported.
- There is evidence of a clustered community transmission in Erongo and Khomas regions (Table 1)
- More male cases **3370 (55.9%)** were recorded compared to female cases **2660 (44.1%)**.

Region	Total No. of cases	Active cases	Recovered	Death	Health Care Workers
Erongo	3259	1098	2135	26	45
Hardap	63	45	17	1	6
//Kharas	93	63	29	1	3
Kavango East	20	19	0	1	2
Kavango West	2	2	0	0	0
Khomas	2256	1932	301	23	146
Kunene	2	2	0	0	0
Ohangwena	34	18	15	1	0
Omaheke	28	22	5	1	1
Omusati	19	17	2	0	3
Oshana	96	52	42	2	4
Oshikoto	57	56	1	0	2
Otjozondjupa	80	75	5	0	4
Zambezi	21	10	11	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6030</b>	<b>3411</b>	<b>2563</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>220</b>

- All fourteen (14) regions have reported confirmed cases; with Erongo reporting the highest **3259 (54.0%)** followed by Khomas **2256 (37.4%)**. These two regions are the epicenters for COVID-19.
- Of the total confirmed cases, **42.5%** have recovered.

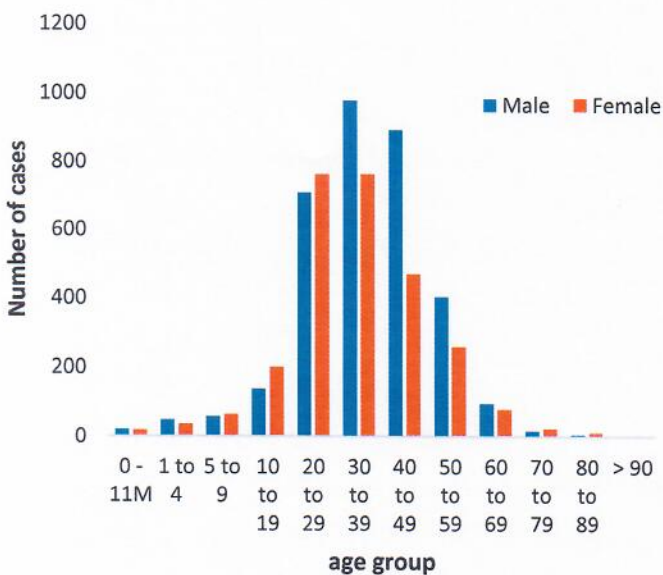


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**Figure 1: Epi-curve for confirmed COVID-19 cases 23 August 2020**

- To date, **49428** tests have been conducted by NIP, Path-Care, NAMDEB, and UNAM laboratories (including **3401** re-tests).
- Since the beginning of the outbreak, **10830** contacts of confirmed cases have been identified, **506** new contacts were identified within the last 24 hours from 9 regions.
- Cumulatively, **4415** contacts have completed their monitoring period. While a total **538** of contacts have tested positive
- Today, **2659 (42.8%)** out of **6218** active contacts were monitored.



**Figure 2: Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases As of 23 August 2020**

Namibia has recorded **6030** COVID-19 cases since 13 March 2020. Up to **2123 (35.2%)** of the total cases were recorded during week 34 (Figure 1).

- A high number of cases were recorded in the past six weeks as a result of:
  - Spread of local transmission in Walvis Bay district and Windhoek.
  - Enhanced Active Case Search and targeted testing daily from different districts
  - Enhanced surveillance including active case search in health facilities
- Call center continues operation for 24 hours daily. Today, **1058** calls were answered including **14** alerts.

**Table 2: COVID-19 specimen recorded at the Laboratories as of 23 August 2020**

VARIABLES	TOTAL
Total sample received by the Laboratory	49546
Total sample tested	46027
Total sample re-tested	3401
Total positive results	6030
Total negative results	39978
Total sample discarded	76
Invalid results	1
Total pending results	41
Indeterminant/Inconclusive	19
Suspected cases in 24 hours (excludes re-tests)	1176

- The 20-49 years age- brackets constitute **75.5%** of the confirmed cases, followed by a sizable proportion of the 50-59 age group (**11.0%**).
- Among those aged 30-39, a significant proportion of males (**16.2%**) are infected more than females (**12.5%**).
- The under 5 make up **120 (2.0%)** of the total cases.
- Aged 60 years and above constitute **231 (3.8%)** of the confirmed cases.

**Table 3: Fatality summary as of 23 August 2020**

Region	Cumulative no. of deaths	Death in 24 hours	Cumulative with co-morbidities
Erongo	26	1	21
Hardap	1	0	1
//Kharas	1	1	0
Kavango East	1	0	1
Khomas	23	2	23
Ohangwena	1	0	0
Omaheke	1	0	1
Oshana	2	0	2
Total	56	4	49



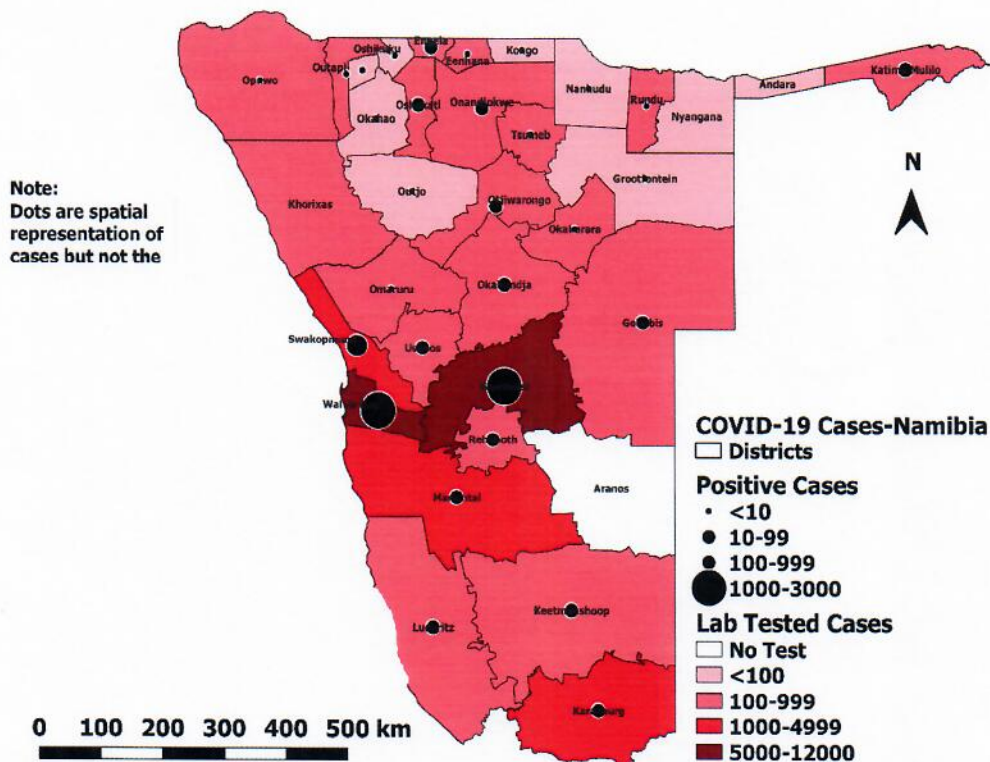


Figure 3: Distribution of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in Namibia by District as of 23 August 2020

Table 4: Number of people in mandatory quarantine facilities, 23 August 2020

Region	Newly quarantined 24 hours	Cumulative number	Number discharged	Number in quarantine now	Truck Drivers (24 Hours)
Erongo	0	1965	1823	142	0
Hardap	7	450	378	72	0
Kavango	0	332	252	80	0
Khomas	4	1906	1552	354	0
//Kharas	0	1229	1072	157	0
Kunene	22	264	203	61	0
Ohangwena	0	416	385	31	0
Omaheke	0	528	459	69	0
Omusati	1	225	191	34	0
Oshana	1	218	190	28	0
Oshikoto	0	263	158	105	0
Otjozondjupa	1	633	588	45	0
Zambezi	4	682	605	77	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9111</b>	<b>7856</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>0</b>

- Since March 2020, **9111** people have been placed into supervised quarantine facilities around the country.
- A total of **1255** people are currently in quarantine with **40** new admissions in the past 24 hours.

Table 5: Distribution of truck drivers coming into Namibia from neighbouring countries and destination regions on 23 August 2020

Destination	Origin						Total
	RSA	Botswana	Angola	Zimbabwe	Tanzania	Zambia	
//Kharas	71	0	0	0	0	0	71
Khomas	131	13	0	0	0	1	145
Omusati	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Oshana	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Otjozondjupa	18	2	2	0	0	1	23
Kavango	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ohangwena	5	3	0	0	2	0	10
Hardap	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kunene	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Omaheke	10	1	0	0	0	0	11
Oshikoto	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Zambezi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erongo	20	27	0	0	0	46	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>380</b>

- A total of **380** trucks entered the country through various ground crossing points in the last 24 hours.
- Of these trucks, **38.2%** were heading to Khomas, **24.5%** to Erongo while **18.7%** were heading to //Kharas region.



### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION

- Recruitment of local volunteers into the response in the districts and regions is ongoing.
- Continuous support to the regions by the national level.
- Guidelines on COVID-19 exposure in public and work environment issued to the general public.
- Testing by UNAM (School of Medicine), NAMDEB and Oshakati NIP laboratories to enhance testing capacity.

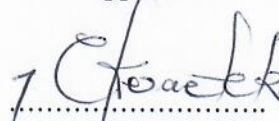
### CHALLENGES

- Inadequate phones for contact monitoring.
- Large data backlog - awaiting entry into excel data base and DHIS2.
- Inadequate medical officers, specialists and epidemiologists especially in the regions.
- Inadequate ICU facilities and ICU equipment at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Inadequate ambulances and isolation units, at health facilities in the regions.
- Backlog of specimens to be tested at NIP, overwhelming the laboratory and delaying turn-around time.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fast tracking of efforts to use GoData app and DHIS2.
- Other technical experts from other sectors need to join the healthcare sector in the response.
- Provision of fully equipped ICU facilities at referral hospitals and high care units in the districts.
- Establish fully equipped isolation units at health facilities in the regions.
- Strengthen close monitoring and coordination of the flow of the specimen from all districts.

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